airports in the country as compared to world class duty-free shops at International airports like London, Frankfurt, Dubai etc.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) is currently licensed to run Duty Free Shops at International Airports. ITDC has planned to imporve the duty free shops and enlarge the product range with the advice of an internationally renowned Consultant.

New Aviation Policy

636. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a new aviation policy;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed new aviation policy;

(c) the reasons of making changes in the existing aviation policy; and

(d) to what extent the new aviation policy will bring down the losses of Indian Airlines and Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) A new draft of the National Policy on Civil Aviation is under formulation.

Declaration of Jaipur Airport as International Airport

637. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports in the country which are going to be declared as international airports during the current Plan period;

(b) whether Jaipur airport has been considered to be made international airport;

(c) if so, by when this project is likely to be completed; and

(d) whether any budgetary provision has been made by Government during the current financial year 1999-2000 in this regard as well as during remaining Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) The Government has been receiving suggestions for upgradation of existing airports to international standards as well as construction of new international airports. No decisions have so far been taken.

Performance of Private Airlines Operators

638. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Private Airlines Operators who have been allowed operation in the country till date indicating names thereof and from which date permission given;

(b) how many of them have closed down their business in India during the last three years, year-wise and name-wise; and

(c) the details of Private Airlines which is providing more facilities to air passengers in comparision to Indian Airlines/Air India till date?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Names of private airlines, date of permission given to them for scheduled operation and year of their closure.

Sl. No.	Name of private airlines	Date of permission	Year of closure
1.	M/s. Archana Airways	20.11.1994	*Has suspended operation temporarily.
2.	M/s. East West Airlines	20.11.1994	1996
3.	M/s. Jet Airways	13.2.1995	In operation
4.	M/s. Modiluft	20.11.1994	1996
5.	M/s. NEPC Airlines	20.11.1994	1997
6.	M/s. Sahara Airlines	1.1.1996	In operation
7.	M/s. Skyline-NEPC Ltd.@	20.11.1994	1997

*Permission was valid upto 19.11.1999
@Previously known as M/s. Damania Airways